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SUBJ: UK-DANISH FISHERIES DISCUSSION

1. THE DANES ARE TROUBLED BY RECENT UK FISHERIES MOVE IN THE NORTH SEA BUT ARE WILLING TO LISTEN TO A FURTHER ELABORATION OF BRITISH PROPOSALS. THIS IS THE WAY A BRITISH EMBASSY PARTICIPANT SEES ONE OUTCOME OF RECENT BILATERAL TALKS HERE BETWEEN DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSEN AND BRITISH SECRETARY OF STATE JUDD. DEVOTING ONLY THREE QUARTERS OF AN HOUR TO THE FISHERIES QUESTION, THE TWO MEN DID LITTLE MORE THAN STATE THEIR POSITIONS AND AGREE TO FURTHER DISCUSSIONS LATER.

2. SIMPLY SAID, THE BRITISH POSITION IS A DESIRE TO EXERCISE EXTENSIVE CONTROL OVER THE WATERS IT IS CONTRIBUTING TO THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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"EC POND". AS PUT TO THE DANES, THIS MEANS THAT EACH EC MEMBER WOULD HAVE A 12-MILE EXCLUSIVE ZONE, WOULD HAVE "DOMINANCE" IN A ZONE BETWEEN 12 AND 50 MILES, AND WOULD PARTICIPATE IN A ZONE BETWEEN 50 AND 200 MILES (WHERE MEDIUM LINES PERMIT) ON THE BASIS OF HISTORIC CATCHES. THE BRITISH ALSO DEFENDED THEIR RECENT UNILATERAL CONSERVATION ACTION IN FAVOR OF HERRING ON THE GROUNDS OF EC INABILITY TO AGREE ON MEASURES NECESSARY

TO PROTECT A FAST DISAPPEARING RESOURCE.

3. THE DANES, ON THE OTHER HAND,PREFER A CONTINUATION OF EX-  
ISTING ARRANGEMENTS. TO THEM THIS MEANS THAT THE BRITISH, PER  
THEIR ENTRY AGREEMENT WITH THE EC, WOULD IN 1982 GIVE UP THEIR  
EXISTING 12-MILE EXCLUSIVE ZONE AND THAT ALL EC MEMBERS  
WOULD BE ABLE TO FISH "RIGHT UP TO EACH OTHERS' BEACHES."  
QUOTAS IN THE EC POND WOULD BE BASED ON TRADITIONAL CATCHES.

4. AFTER LISTENING TO JUDD EXPLAIN THE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL  
PRESSURES UNDERLYING BRITISH ACTIONS AND PROPOSALS, ANDERSEN  
COUNTERED THAT WITH THE SUBSTITUTION OF A FEW DANISH NAMES, HE  
COULDMAKE AN ALMOST IDENTICAL DEFENSE OF THE DANISH POSITION.  
POLITICALLY, THE DANES NEED THE CONCEPTS OF QUOTAS, NO MATTER  
HOW SMALL, AND FREE ACCESS TO MOST, IF NOT ALL, OF THE EC  
POND IN ORDER TO HAVE SOMETHING POSITIVE IN THEIR DEALINGS  
WITH AN AROUSED DANISH FISHING INDUSTRY.

5. THE BRITISH, SAYS THE EMBASSY PARTICIPANT IN THESE TALKS,  
CAME AWAY WITH NO ILLUSIONS THAT THEY HAD PERSUADED THE DANES  
OR THAT THEY WOULD HAVE AN EASIER TIME WITH OTHER EC MEMBERS.  
THE BRITISH SEE AS POSITIVE RESULTS THE FACT THAT EACH SIDE  
AIRED ITS VIEWS AND THAT THE DANES, WHILE RAISING OBJECTIONS,  
DID NOT REJECT BRITISH IDEAS OUTRIGHT.  
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